CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2011

INVOCATION:
Director of Community Development Appel gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Fire Chief Jones, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Utilities Sweet, Police Chief Macagni, Director of Community Development Appel, Accounting and Budget Manager Harvey, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mayor Lavagnino announced the sad passing of long-time community leader Harrell Fletcher on Monday, January 3, 2011. He gave 60 years of leadership to this community. There were not a lot of people like Harrell Fletcher who came into your life. He was loved by me and my family and will be deeply missed.

Mayor Lavagnino announced that his son, Steve, was just sworn in as a member of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. He thanked Councilmembers Cordero and Boysen and Executive Assistant Patti Rodriguez for attending the swearing in ceremony.

Mayor Lavagnino also thanked all the City employees who worked tirelessly during the winter storms to help the people of Santa Maria. It shows what great employees the City of Santa Maria has.

RESOLUTION FOR ALAN WALKER
Mayor Lavagnino read Resolution No. 2011-01 recognizing and commending Alan Walker, Regulatory Compliance Coordinator in the Utilities Department Water Resources Division, for 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria and congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him and his family continued good health and many years of happiness.

Resolution No. 2011-01 was *adopted on motion by Mayor Lavagnino, seconded by* Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2011-01 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING ALAN WALKER, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR, FOR 31 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

Alan Walker was not present to receive his resolution.

Utilities Director Sweet stated Mr. Walker had an unexpected conflict and could not be present. He will certainly be missed. He has been an amazing chemist at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He has ensured that everyone got great, high-quality water, and the City had good wastewater discharge. Alan was looking forward to spending time with his family, and would like to relay his thanks for all the years he has spent with the City.

RESOLUTION FOR PENNY PASTORE

Councilmember Boysen read Resolution No. 2011-02 recognizing and commending Penny Pastore, Crime Prevention Technician in the Police Department, for 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria and congratulating her on her retirement and wishing her and her family continued good health and many years of happiness.

Resolution No. 2011-02 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-02 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING CRIME PREVENTION TECHNICIAN PENNY PASTORE FOR HER 31 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RETIREMENT.

Penny Pastore was not present to receive her resolution. Police Chief Macagni stated Penny sent her apologies and could not attend because of illness. However, she wanted to thank everyone.

RESOLUTION FOR ARTHUR HERNANDEZ

Councilmember Orach read Resolution No. 2011-03 recognizing and commending Arthur Hernandez, Police Officer, for 22 years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria and congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him and his family continued good health and many years of happiness.

Resolution No. 2011-03 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Cordero, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-03 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING SANTA MARIA POLICE OFFICER ARTHUR HERNANDEZ FOR HIS 22 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT.

Officer Arthur Hernandez thanked the citizens of Santa Maria for giving him the opportunity to serve them for the past 22 ½ years. He said he leaves knowing he did the best he could. In the future, the City would continue to grow; and he hoped the City Council would look at supplying the needed personnel for the Fire and Police Departments.

RESOLUTION FOR LARRY VERNON

Councilmember Cordero read Resolution No. 2011-04 recognizing and commending Larry Vernon, Police Sergeant, for 22 years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria and congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him and his family continued good health and many years of happiness.

Resolution No. 2011-04 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-04 adopted. A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SANTA MARIA POLICE SERGEANT LARRY VERNON FOR HIS 22 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT.

Councilmember Cordero stated he worked with Sergeant Vernon for many years. He was a pleasure to work with. He was an employee that would challenge others to raise their level of efficiency.

Councilmember Boysen stated Larry Vernon has also given of himself tirelessly to the community as a volunteer. He has been associated with Larry over the past four years at Good Samaritan Shelter. He was one heck of a guy.

Sergeant Larry Vernon stated 22 years ago, he was given an opportunity to go to work for the Santa Maria Police Department. He has done his best over those years to provide service to the community and has met and worked with some outstanding people. He promised to stay involved in the community, giving back the best he could.

Councilmember Patino thanked Mr. Vernon for the years serving on the Board of Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley and attending all the functions along with his wife.

RESOLUTION FOR GARY STEIGLER

Councilmember Cordero stated that Gary Steigler had actually worked for the Police Department for more than 30 years. Except for a brief time when Gary worked in Guadalupe, he has been working for the City of Santa Maria since before 1972. At that time, he worked as a dispatcher and Police Explorer.

Councilmember Cordero read Resolution No. 2011-05 recognizing and commending Gary Steigler, Police Officer, for 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Santa Maria and congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him and his family continued good health and many years of happiness.

Resolution No. 2011-05 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2011-05 adopted. A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SANTA MARIA POLICE OFFICER GARY STEIGLER FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT.

Jack Owen, Guadalupe Fire Chief and former Santa Maria Fire Department Battalion Chief, commended all the retiring employees who were being recognized. He said he and Gary go way back. Gary was his field-training officer when he was a reserve officer in Guadalupe. He congratulated Gary Steigler, and said he hoped to see him soon.

Gary Steigler stated he knew he wanted to be a policeman from the time he was about five years old. It has been a pleasure and a lot of fun. It has been great to do what you enjoy doing every day. He was going to work at the airport part-time, so he would still be around.

PROCLAMATION – RESPECT FOR LIFE WEEK
Councilmember Patino read a proclamation declaring the week of January 16 – 22, 2011, as "Respect for Life Week" in the City of Santa Maria. The proclamation was accepted by Jan Rush.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Dave Cross spoke about Harrell Fletcher, his friend and business partner. Mr. Fletcher was a mentor to him. He was proud to be associated with him. His passing was a loss to his family, his friends, and the entire community. Mr. Fletcher loved Santa Maria. Even at the age of 91, he came to work every day and stayed involved in the community. He was politically astute and stayed on top of current events. He had a down-to-earth style. His record of community service may never be matched. He did things his way, and everyone benefited from the commitment and community service of Harrell Fletcher.

Ernest Armenta congratulated Councilmember Jack Boysen and Alice Patino for winning the election. He said the City should not be raising trash rates at this time. Residents would be receiving a ballot in the mail this month. He asked the residents to read the information, vote no, and return it. He said he was going to hold Councilmember Patino to her campaign promise to publish the salaries of certain City employees.

City Manager Ness explained that all the salaries of City employees were posted on the City's web site. He said he would be happy to provide a printed copy to anyone who wanted one.

Steven James Barr spoke about sustainability and eco-municipalities.

Jack Owen spoke on Consent Agenda Item 3E, second reading of the Speed Limit Ordinance. He said he wanted to go on record as opposed to the increase in speed limits. He understood the legal requirement to be within the 85 percentile, and he thought it was time to change that legislation.

Nancy Stewart spoke about Harrell Fletcher. He had been a friend to this community for many, many years. It was 22 years ago when she came in close contact with Harrell Fletcher. She has never seen a man who was such a good friend. She said she loved and respected Harrell Fletcher.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3G were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Orach, Patino, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 21, 2010, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 163308 to 163560 totaling $3,023,615.27 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

D. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

E. ORDINANCE NO. 2010-16
The City Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2010-16 increasing the speed limit on Battles Road between Depot Street and Broadway from 30 mph to 35 mph; increasing the speed limit on Preisker Lane between Hidden Pines Way and Broadway from 35 mph to 40 mph; and increasing the speed limit on Taylor Street between Blosser Road and Western Avenue from 30 mph to 35 mph and adopted the Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2010-16 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7-4, SPEED LIMITS, OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

F. AGREEMENT FOR SNACK BAR CONCESSION
Resolution No. 2011-06 was adopted approving an agreement with Achievement House, Inc., for operation of the snack bar concession services at the new Intermodal Transit Center.

Resolution No. 2011-06 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT THAT ALLOWS ACHIEVEMENT HOUSE, INC., TO PROVIDE SNACK BAR CONCESSION SERVICES AT THE INTERMODAL TRANSIT CENTER.

G. AGREEMENT WITH LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2011-07 was adopted approving an amendment to the August 8, 1977, agreement between the Laguna County Sanitation District and the City of Santa Maria for the collection and treatment of wastewater.

Resolution No. 2011-07 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT AMENDING THE AUGUST 8, 1977, AGREEMENT WITH THE LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT FOR COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
City Manager Ness reported on items anticipated for the January 18, 2011, City Council meeting including appointments to various Boards, Committees, and Commissions; appointments of Councilmembers to regional boards and committees; the award of a contract and protest for landscape maintenance services; and an alcoholic beverage control license for Carniceria El Amigo Abad.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS
Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a coffee and punch social at the Police Department for those retirees recognized tonight, a swearing in ceremony for four newly promoted Sergeants, appeared on the Ben Heighes show, attended the swearing in ceremony for Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, and a meeting with Future Search.

Councilmember Orach reported he had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends.

Mayor Lavagnino reported he attended the swearing in ceremony for the Sergeant promotions, and his son's swearing in ceremony to the Board of Supervisors.

Councilmember Patino stated Harrell Fletcher was a very good friend and very supportive of anything she wanted to do. She appreciated him so much. The community would miss a person of his stature. He was always there for people. She also congratulated Supervisor Steve Lavagnino.

Councilmember Boysen commended Chief Macagni on the promotional ceremony. He congratulated Mayor Lavagnino on his son's election to the Board of Supervisors.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss Gregory Carroll v. City of Santa Maria, et. al. Case No. CV 0907336.

After the Closed Session, the following report was given:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Gregory Carroll v. City of Santa Maria: Direction to staff was given.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:49 p.m. by Mayor Lavagnino in memory and honor of Harrell Fletcher.

APPROVED

January 18, 2011
Date

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST

Chief Deputy City Clerk